

Urban Wildlife Management Plan

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Boulder Urban Wildlife

Management Plan

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Urban Wildlife Management Plan (UWMP)

Update on the Urban Wildlife Management Plan Schedule

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The Urban Wildlife Management Plan was accepted by City Council on August 29, 2006

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Final Black-Tailed Prairie Dog Component of the Urban Wildlife Management Plan 2.56 Mb

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Black-tailed Prairie Dog Component of the UWMP 421.42 Kb - Board Review Draft

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August 23, 2006 joint board meeting memo 66.65 Kb

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Colony Reports

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1a - IBM 95.98 Kb

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1b - Boulder Reservoir Dams 75.46 Kb

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2 - Winchester Circle 196.73 Kb

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3 - Celestial Seasonings 178.59 Kb

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4 - North Boulder Foothills 187.75 Kb

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5 - Foothills and Kalmia 99.32 Kb

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6 - Airport 146.99 Kb

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7 - North Valmont Park 131.91 Kb

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8a - Foothills and Valmont 92.94 Kb

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8b - Foothills and Pearl 104.48 Kb

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8c - Foothills and Arapahoe 133.85 Kb

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9 - Valmont Park and Pearl Parkway 167.80 Kb

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10 - Valmont Butte 91.06 Kb

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11 - 63rd Street 142.07 Kb

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12 - West Arapahoe 110.77 Kb

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13 - East Boulder Rec. Center 167.80 Kb

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14 - CU Research Park 114.85 Kb

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15 - NOAA/NIST 150.67 Kb

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16 - Wastewater Treatment Plant 105.42 Kb

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17 - Regional Park Site/Planning Reserve 19.06 Kb

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18 - Gunbarrel Fire Station 6.83 Kb

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19 - North Boulder Army Reserve Center 6.78 Kb

Materials from the May 23, 2006 City Council Study Session

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Memo (pdf)

Materials from the May 3, 2006 public meeting on the Prairie Dog Management Component:

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Staff Presentation

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Colony Reports

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1a IBM (116.01 KB)

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1b Boulder Reservoir Dams (105.87 KB)

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2 Winchester Circle (142.74 KB)

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3 Celestial Seasonings (122.80 KB)

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4 North Boulder Foothills (181.08 KB)

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5 Foothills and Kalmia (95.84 KB)

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6 Airport (145.52 KB)

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7 North Valmont Park (130.38 KB)

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8 Foothills and Valmont (89.88 KB)

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8b Foothills and Pearl (101.31 KB)

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8c Foothills Arapahoe (130.45 KB)

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9 Valmont Park/Pearl Pkwy (163.67 KB)

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10 Valmont Butte (99.14 KB)

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11 63rdSt (139.46 KB)

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12 West Arapahoe (108.63 KB)

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13 East Boulder Recreation Center (165.58 KB)

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14 CU Research Park (113.89 KB)

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15 NOAA NIST (148.63 KB)

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16 Wastewater Treatment Plant (103.78 KB)

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17 Regional Park Site (195.70 KB)

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Summary Map of Management Recommendations (667.59 KB)

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Map of Colonies and Statistics (509.67 KB)

Prairie Dog Inventory Report

Map* (17.12 MB) | Report (844.34 KB)| Data (7.01 MB)

*This map includes the information the city has to date. If members of the public have additional knowledge, please contact the Urban Wildlife Management Team to follow up.

Overview

Staff from Planning, Parks and Recreation, and Open Space and Mountain Parks are currently working on an Urban Wildlife Management Plan (UWMP). The plan will establish a set of policies and procedures for managing wildlife, including species of special concern, within Boulder on both public and private land.

On Jan. 17, 2006 City Council approved the following Vision Statement, Guiding Principles, and Goals for the Urban Wildlife Management Plan:

Vision Statement:

In Boulder's urban areas, the city will endeavor to provide for diverse, self-sustaining, native wildlife populations in numbers compatible with basic human needs, social and economic values, and long-term ecological sustainability, while proactively reducing conflicts between humans and wildlife.

Guiding Principles:

- 1.The city will emphasize humane, non-lethal control of wildlife when consistent with guiding principles 2-6 and the vision statement.
- 2.The urban area is primarily intended for the development and support of human land uses and services as described in the Boulder Valley Comprehensive Plan.
- 3.The city will balance environmental, economic, and social sustainability principles in managing urban wildlife.
4. The community values and supports the protection of wildlife habitat and biological diversity. Urban wildlife management should be compatible with an ecosystem approach to land management.
- 5.The city will strive to use the best science in understanding and managing urban wildlife.
- 6.The city will develop clear and easily understood standards, protocols and regulatory processes for managing situations where conflicts arise between wildlife and urban land uses.

Goals:

The Urban Wildlife Management Plan will:

- provide a clear and easily understood framework for balancing environmental, social, and economic goals when managing wildlife on public and private lands;
- prioritize effective strategies and assess the costs for sustainable, long-term management of urban wildlife and its habitat;
- establish wildlife management policies and practices that proactively reduce human/wildlife conflicts, reflect overall community values and sustain ecological integrity;
- set up a decision-making hierarchy to address wildlife conflict situations in urban areas;
- outline a set of strategies for providing on-going education and keeping the public informed about current practices and policies;

- integrate urban wildlife management across city departments and coordinate management with other public jurisdictions and agencies; and

- assess and inventory areas in the city with the greatest potential for conflict and areas that provide the best opportunity for conservation.

This completes Phase I of the planning process. Staff is now working on Phase II of the plan which will involve the development of individual species management plans. A prairie dog management plan will be the first component and will be completed sometime in the summer of 2006.

The UWMP will:

- provide a philosophical framework for making urban wildlife management decisions,
- provide direction on regulatory and program changes affecting urban wildlife,
- outline a set of actions for long-term management of wildlife,
- provide guidance on how to conserve wildlife species and their habitats, and
- help minimize conflicts between people and wildlife in Boulder.

Background

The presence of wildlife in the city of Boulder and along the urban fringe sometimes conflicts with human land uses and activities. Although individual wildlife conflicts have been addressed from time-to-time, there has not been a comprehensive policy statement or long-term plan for management of wildlife in the urban area. Consequently, wildlife issues can be addressed inconsistently with a lack of clear policy and procedure.

City Council, Environmental Advisory Board, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and members of the community have expressed the need for a wildlife management plan, especially in recent discussions about prairie dog management and other wildlife/land-use issues. Over the years, City Council members have raised concerns about the need for a broader look at wildlife and urban land-use issues when making decisions about managing wildlife in specific areas.

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Contact Information

For more information, contact Bev Johnson in the Planning Department at <http://joomla.ci.boulder.co.us/johnsonb@bouldercolorado.gov> or 303-441-3272.

If you have development plans for your property that may be in conflict with prairie dogs on the site or if you have any questions about prairie dogs lethal control permits, go to the [Wildlife Ordinance](#) site. If prairie dogs are causing nuisance problems for you or the uses on your property, do not attempt to poison or kill the animals. Please call Animal Control at 303-441-3380 for assistance.

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